

**Attachment to Preliminary Amendment dated September 28, 2001**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention relates to a process for sterilizing a biologically contaminated enclosure in which the enclosure is brought into contact with formaldehyde. Said formaldehyde is released from formalin by heat generated by an exothermic reaction occurring in the presence of said formalin. The exothermic reaction is provided by addition of a first reagent (A) and a second reagent (B) to said formalin in amounts sufficient to generate heat for releasing formaldehyde from said formalin. Said reagent (A) comprises hexamethylenetetramine and said second reagent (B) comprises a peroxide compound or a precursor thereof.

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